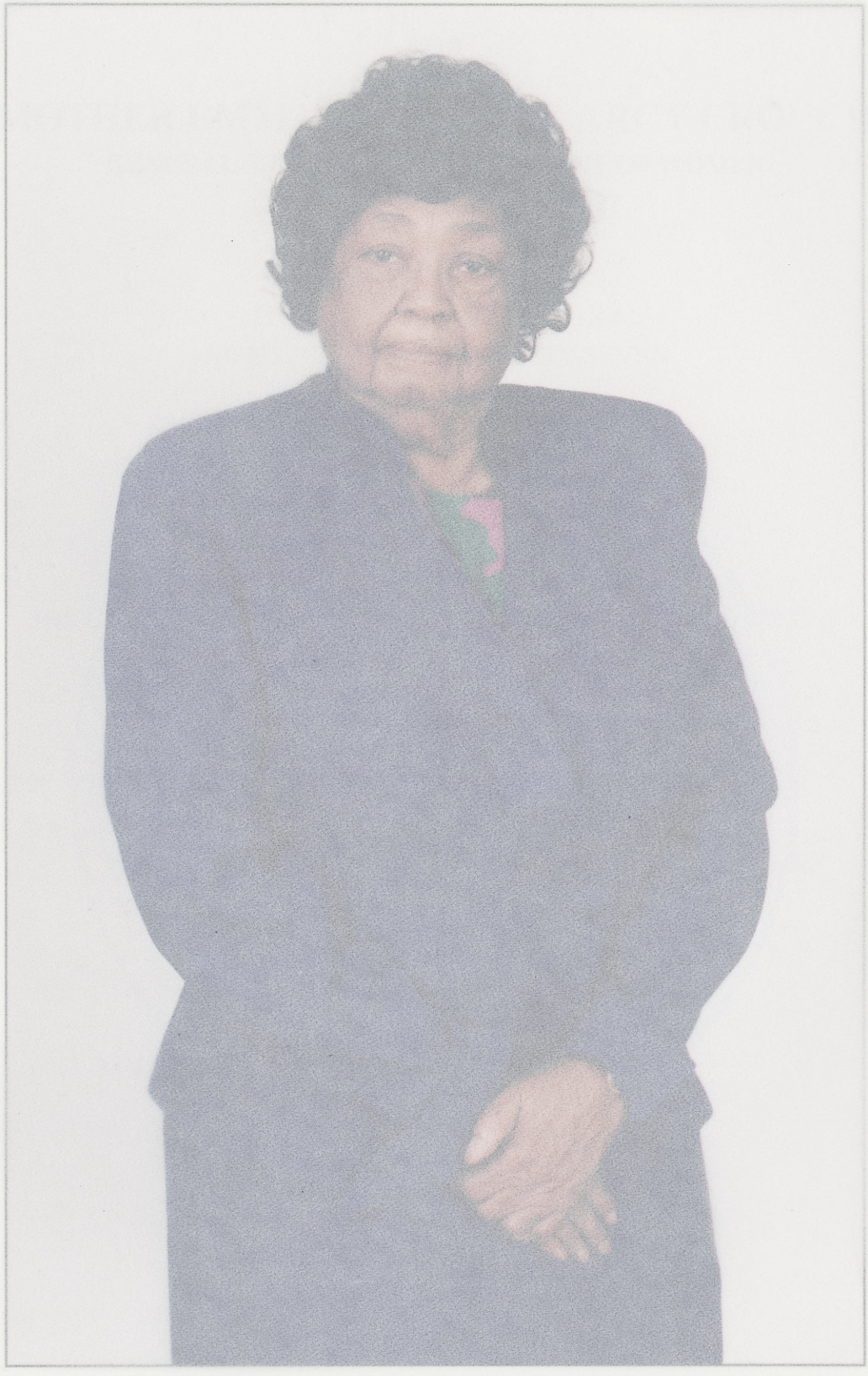
# National Homegoing Celebration

for

# Mother Emma Frances Searcy Crouch

SUNRISE ~ 1911

SUNSET ~ 1997



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**FOR**

# MOTHER EMMA FRANCES SEARCY CROUCH

**GENERAL SUPERVISOR-DEPARTMENT OF WOMEN**
**CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST**

TWELVE NOON
THE TENTH DAY OF JANUARY
NINETEEN HUNDRED NINETY-SEVEN
ANNO DOMINI

SAINTSVILLE CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST
2200 SOUTH MARSALIS AVENUE
DALLAS, TEXAS

**HIS GRACE, THE MOST REVEREND CHANDLER DAVID OWENS**
PRESIDING BISHOP
CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST
CHIEF OFFICIANT

**ASSISTING OFFICIANTS**
MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL BOARD

**THE BISHOP CLEVELAND LANDIS ANDERSON, JR.**
FIRST ASSISTANT PRESIDING BISHOP

**THE BISHOP J. NEAUL HAYNES**
SECOND ASSISTANT PRESIDING BISHOP
HOST PASTOR

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**THE BISHOP SAMUEL L. GREEN**

# THE OBITUARY

*Written by Mother Emma Frances Searcy Crouch and submitted by the family*

"This is a faithful saying: for if we died with Him, we shall also live with Him."
II Timothy 2:11

**Mrs. Emma Frances Searcy Crouch** was one of nine children born to the late Mr. & Mrs. Robert Searcy in Morris County, Texas on February 14, 1911. She departed this life on January 6, 1997.

**Mother Crouch**, as she was affectionately called, was converted at an early age and embraced the Christian Faith. She was educated in the public schools and graduated from the Booker T. Washington High School in Mount Pleasant, Texas in May 1932, second highest honors.

In 1930 she heard the Gospel of Sanctification and the Baptism of the Holy Ghost. This she believed with all her heart, and God, for Christ's sake, forgave her and washed her from sin in His own blood, baptizing her with the Holy Ghost, speaking in tongues as the Spirit gave utterance, according to Acts 2:4 under the pastorate of the late Elder Fred Daniels. She served the church well and walked humbly before the Lord and all who knew her will bear witness. Upon her demise she was a member of Saintsville Church of God In Christ under the pastorate of Bishop J. Neaul Haynes.

In 1938 she was united in Holy Matrimony to the late Elder B. J. Crouch of Dallas, Texas who preceded her in death January 24, 1960.

In 1934 she graduated from Page Normal Industrial and Bible Institute. She also received a diploma from the C. J. Walker School of Beauty Culture. In 1963 she attended Bishop College in Dallas, Texas.

**Mother Crouch** was a faithful and dedicated servant, pioneer and forerunner on both the jurisdictional and national levels of the Church Of God In Christ.

**Her achievements on the Jurisdictional Level:**

- **First Chairlady of the Y.P.W.W. (Young Peoples Willing Workers)**
- **Aide and traveling companion to the State Supervisor of the Department of Women (Supervisor Bertha Polk)**
- **District Missionary for 12 years**
- **Chairperson of District Missionary Board**
- **Chairperson of Finance for 16 years**
- **Second State President of the Sunshine Band**
- **Appointed State Supervisor of Texas Southwest Jurisdiction, 1956**

**Her achievements on the National Horizon:**

- **1957 President of the Usher Board**
- **1960 Elected to the Trustee Board**
- **Member of the Board of Directors-Saints Center**
- **1976 Appointed First Assistant General Supervisor**
- **Chairperson of the Advisory Board**
- **Co-Chairperson of the Executive Board**

In June 1994 she was appointed by the late Bishop Louis Henry Ford and the General Board, as the Fifth General Supervisor of the Department of Women, Church Of God In Christ, Inc.

During this period she extracted from the Young Women's Christian Council, women forty years and older, and organized the Christian Women's Council. The Board of Supervisors was divided into two parts, Circle One and Circle Two. Area Supervisors were appointed to serve as the National Supervisor's Representatives. She reestablished the National Pastor's Aide, created the General Board of Bishops' Wives Circle, the National Deaconess, appointed a Historian for the Department Of Women and recreated the office of Executive Secretary for the Women's Department.

**1994 Fourth President of the Women's International Convention**

During her tenure as President of the Women's International Convention, the Convention Card was changed to be known as the "Blue Card" instead of "Red Card." The Women's Convention Orchestra was formulated under the direction of Dr. Vernard Johnson. The Historical Book Committee was approved. The Book assigned to the committee Brief Saga of the Church Of God In Christ and 46 years of the Women's International Convention is in process. The closing date of the Convention was changed from Saturday evening to Friday evening, the conclusion of the Presiding Bishop's Message.

**Mother Crouch** has been cited by the Charles Harrison Mason Theological Seminary, the Charles Harrison Mason System of Bible Colleges, the Religious Workers Guild and other civic organizations for outstanding, dedicated and loyal service. In November 1996 she was presented the Memphis Corporate Salute, "The Legacy of Women in the Ministry of the Church Of God In Christ."

The final chapter in the Book of Life for **Mother Emma Frances Searcy Crouch** has been completed. She leaves to cherish fond and loving memories, one brother, Cary Searcy; a host of nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends; the Saintsville Church Of God In Christ family; the Texas Southwest Jurisdictional family; the International Women's Department; and the entire church Of God In Christ whose lives are richer, sweeter and fuller because **SHE LIVED.**

# THE ORDER OF HOMEGOING CELEBRATION

*†Where indicated please stand*

**The Master of Ceremonies - The Bishop J. Neaul Haynes**
**Second Assistant Presiding Bishop**

**THE QUIET MOMENTS** — **THE ORGANIST**

**†THE CALL TO WORSHIP** — **THE BISHOP**

***The hour of Homegoing Celebration has come,***
***O Lord, hear our prayers,***
***and accept our meditations,***
***as we glorify Thy Name. Amen***

**THE PROCESSIONAL**

**The Adjutant General**

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**†THE PRESIDING BISHOP**

**The First Assistant Presiding Bishop**

**The Second Assistant Presiding Bishop**

**The General Board**

**The Bishops**

**The Jurisdictional Pastors and Elders**

**The Visiting Clergy**

**The Family**

**The Sealing of the Bier**

**†THE HYMN OF JOY AND COMFORT** — The Texas Inter-Jurisdictional Mass Choir and Congregation

***Oh I Want To See Him***

**†THE PRAYER OF COMFORT** — The Bishop Samuel L. Green
General Board Member
Newport News, Virginia

**THE OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE** — The Bishop Charles E. Blake
General Board Member
Los Angeles, California

***Psalm 90***

**THE NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE** — The Bishop G. E. Patterson
General Board Member
Memphis, Tennessee

***1 Corinthians 15:51-58***

**THE STATEMENT OF FAITH** — The Bishop P. A. Brooks, Secretary, General Board, Detroit, Michigan

***We*** believe the Bible to be inspired and only infallible written Word of God.
***We*** believe that there is one God eternally existent in three persons: God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit.
***We*** believe in the Hope, which is the rapture of the Church Of God, which is in Christ, at His return
***We*** believe that the only means of being cleansed from sin, is through repentance and faith in the precious blood of Jesus Christ
***We*** believe that regeneration by the Holy Ghost is absolutely essential for personal salvation
***We*** believe that the redemptive work of Christ on the cross provides healing for the human body in answer to believing prayer.
***We*** believe that the baptism in the Holy Ghost, according to Acts 2:4, is given to believers who ask for it.
***We*** believe in the sanctifying power of the Holy Spirit by whose indwelling, the Christian is enabled to live a holy and separated life in this present world. Amen.

**THE SELECTION** — The Texas Inter-Jurisdictional Mass Choir

**THE TRIBUTES (3 Minutes)**

**The Family**

**Saintsville Church Of God In Christ** — Sister Jo Frances Grant

**The Area Jurisdictional Supervisors-Texas** — Mother Johnie M. Macklin, Supervisor, Texas East Jurisdiction

**The Area Jurisdictional Bishops-Texas** — The Bishop T. D. Inglehart, Prelate, Texas Southwest

**THE SPECIAL MUSICAL TRIBUTE** — Dr. Vernard Johnson, Fort Worth, Texas

*To God Be The Glory*

**THE TRIBUTES: (3 Minutes)** *The International Department of Women*

**The Auxiliaries and Units** Mother Olive L. Brown
Financial Secretary, Department of Women

**THE RESOLUTION** Mother Irene Oakley
Executive Secretary, Department of Women

**The Boards** Mother Elizabeth Nash
Second Assistant General Supervisor

**THE SELECTION** The Texas Inter-Jurisdictional Mass Choir

**THE SPECIAL TRIBUTE** Mother Willie Mae River
First Assistant General Supervisor
Department of Women

**THE RESOLUTIONS:**

**The Board of Bishop** The Bishop L. T. Walker, Sr.
Chairman

**The General Church** The Bishop W. W. Hamilton
General Secretary

**The Office of the Presiding Bishop** The Bishop L. H. Winbush
General Board Member
Lafayette, Louisiana

**THE OBITUARY**

**THE INTRODUCTION OF THE PRESIDING BISHOP**
The Bishop Cleveland L. Anderson, Jr.
First Assistant Presiding Bishop
Southfield, Michigan

**THE SERMONIC SOLO** Sister Pia Haynes Williams

**THE EULOGY** **The Most Reverend Chandler David Owens**
***Presiding Bishop***
***Church Of God In Christ, Inc.***

**†THE RECESSIONAL**

# O I Want To See Him

R. H. C.

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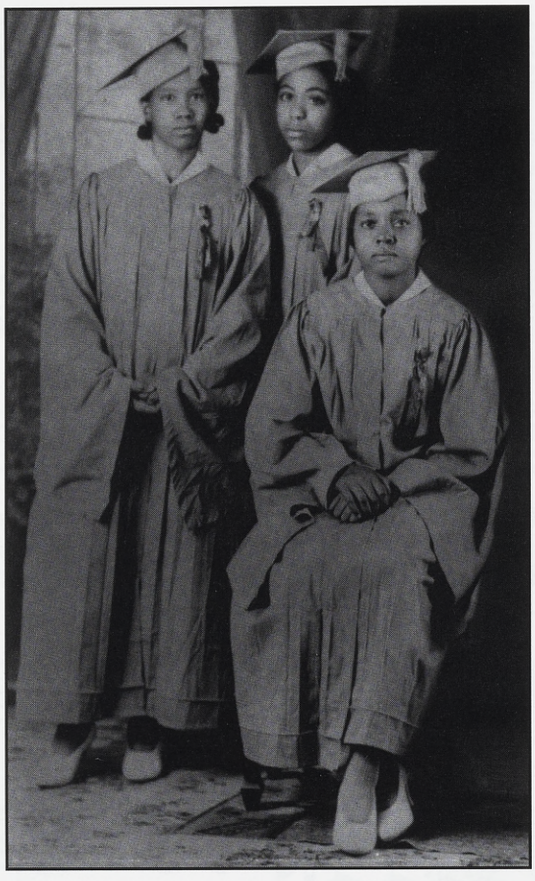
1. As I jour-ney thru the land sing-ing as I go, Point-ing souls to
2. When in ser-vice for my Lord dark may be the night, But I'll cling more
3. When in val-leys low I look tow'rd the mountain height, And be-hold the
4. When be-fore me bil-lows rise from the mighty deep, Then my Lord di-
Cal - va - ry– to the crim-son flow, Man - y ar-rows pierce my soul
close to Him, He will give me light; Sa-tan's snares may vex my soul,
Sav - ior there, lead-ing in the fight, With a ten-der hand outstretched
rects my bark; He doth safe - ly keep, And He leads me gent - ly on
S:
FINE
from without, with-in; But my Lord leads me on, thru Him I must win.
turn my tho'ts a - side; But my Lord goes a-head, leads what-e'er be tide.
tow'rd the val-ley low, Guid - ing me, I can see, as I on-ward go.
thru this world be-low; He's a real Friend to me, O I love Him so.
D. S. - let me lift my voice; Cares all past, home at last, ev - er to re-joice.
CHORUS
O I want to see Him, look up-on His face, There to sing for - ev - er
D.S.
of His sav - ing grace; On the streets of glo - ry
His sav - ing grace;

# ~ Reflections of the Past ~



**High School Graduation 1932**
(Seated)

**1994 Installation**

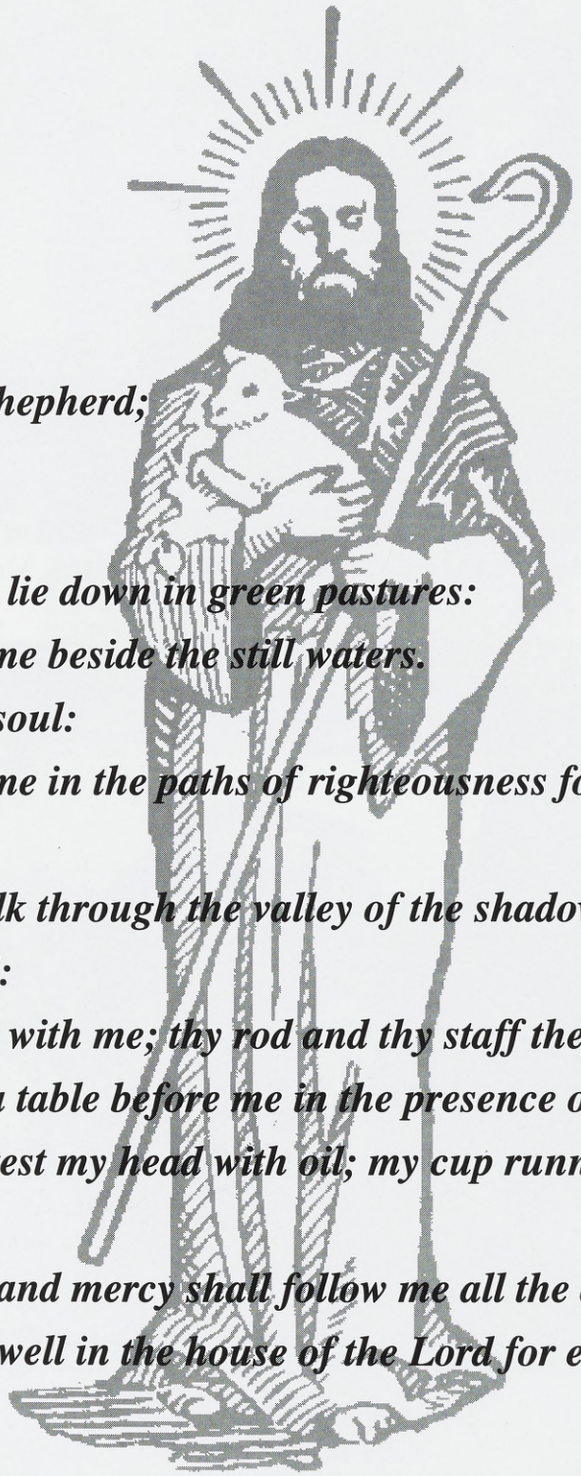
We shall ever remember this great Servant of God for the Noble Work she did.
*Oh woman, great was thy faith, and greater yet thy works.*

**Meeting with the President of the United States, May 1996**

**Convocation message**
**November 1996**

**Mother Crouch, in your short term as General Supervisor**
**you have left footprints on the sands of time.**

## *23RD PSALM*



*The Lord is my shepherd;*
*I shall not want.*

*He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:*
*he leadeth me beside the still waters.*
*He restoreth my soul:*
*he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.*

*Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,*
*I will fear no evil:*
*for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.*
*Thou prepareth a table before me in the presence of mine enemies:*
*thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.*

*Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life;*
*and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.*

## HONORARY PALLBEARERS

JURISDICTIONAL SUPERVISORS

## ACTIVE PALLBEARERS

SUPERINTENDENTS, PASTORS AND ELDERS
TEXAS SOUTHWEST JURISDICTION

## FLOWER BEARERS

NATIONAL ADJUTANT SISTERS
NATIONAL AUXILIARY AND UNIT PRESIDENTS

## INTERMENT

LINCOLN MEMORIAL CEMETERY
DALLAS, TEXAS

## FINAL ARRANGEMENTS ENTRUSTED TO:

SINGING HILL FUNERAL HOME
DALLAS, TEXAS

# SAGE WORDS

# OF

# MOTHER EMMA FRANCES SEARCY CROUCH

**"It's still in the Book"**

**"Be not deceived; God is not mocked:
for whatsoever a man soweth; that shall he also reap." Galatians 6:7**

**"The Lord left me here to do right
and to work righteousness"**

**"Keep your face to the sun
and you will never see
the shadow"**

**"The way I think, the way I talk,
will determine the way I walk"**

**"Wild geese can do no good
without a leader"**

**"Miscellaneous defined:
If I miss one thing, I'll land on another"**

**"Never hook your star to a gossiper"**

**"There are some people who are professional hypocrites"**

**"There is some good in everything"**

**"Your work introduces you"**

**"Get some God sense" - Bishop C. H. Mason**

**"Two groups in any church, Positive group and a Negative group"**

**"The greatest art in the world
is getting along with people"**

We are standing on Holy Ground
I know there are Angels
all around.

Let us praise, Jesus, now
We are standing in His
Presence on Holy Ground

***"She is now standing on Holy Ground"***

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**General Supervisor - Department of Women**
Church of God in Christ

SUNRISE
February 14, 1911

SUNSET
January 6, 1997

**— S E R V I C E S —**
**Friday, January 10, 1997**
**12:00 Noon**

## *Saintsville Church of God in Christ*

**2200 So. Marsalis Ave. — Dallas, Texas 75216**
**The Bishop J. Neaul Haynes, Pastor**

**HIS GRACE, THE MOST REVEREND CHANDLER DAVID OWENS**
***Presiding Bishop***
**Church of God in Christ**
***Chief Officiant***

**Assistant Officiants**
***Members of the General Board***
**THE BISHOP CLEVELAND LANDIS ANDERSON**
*First Assistant Presiding Bishop*
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## *OF*
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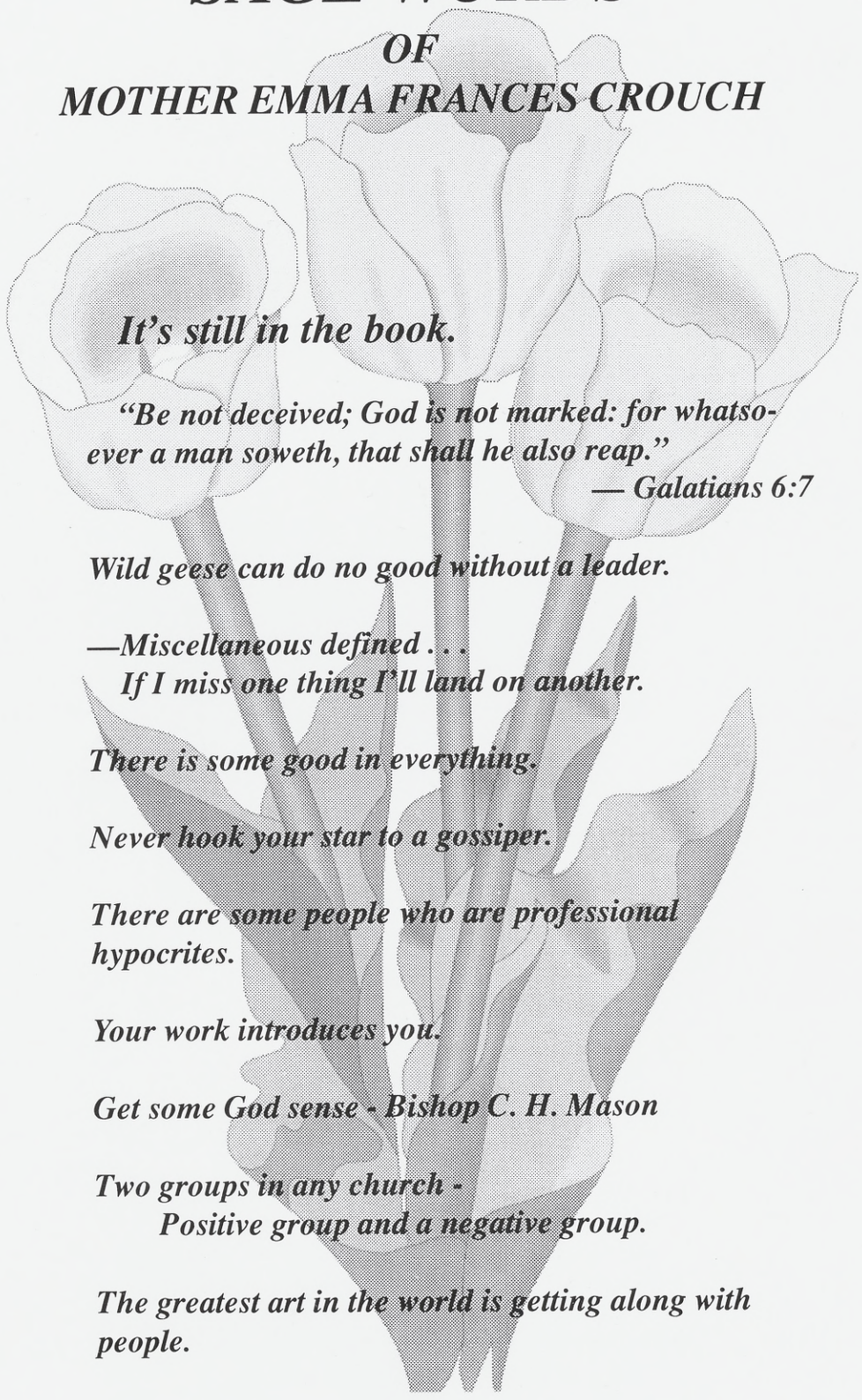

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***Two groups in any church -***
***Positive group and a negative group.***

***The greatest art in the world is getting along with people.***

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GENERAL SUPERVISOR - DEPARTMENT OF WOMEN
CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST
PRESIDENT, WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

# *Obituary*

MOTHER EMMA FRANCES SEARCY CROUCH was born February 14, 1911 in Daingerfield, Morris County, Texas to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Searcy.

At an early age, she was converted in the Christian Church and received the Baptism of the Holy Ghost in 1930, under the pastorate of Elder Fred Daniels. She remained loyal to his daughter, Ms. Bernice D. McKay.

She graduated from Booker T. Washington High, Mt. Pleasant, Texas in 1932 (second highest honor student). She graduated from Page Normal Industrial and Bible Institute in 1934, completed Beauty College, and attended Bishop College in 1963.

She was united in Holy Matrimony to Elder B. J. Crouch who preceded her in death, January 24, 1960.

Mother Crouch was appointed teacher of the Monthly Union Meeting of the City of Dallas in 1940.

SERVICE IN TEXAS PROPER:

First Assistant to the Second State Supervisor for 16 years.
Appointed First Chairlady of the Y.P.W.W. in 1942.
Finance Chairperson of the Department of Women.
Appointed Second State President of Sunshine Band in 1945.

SERVICE IN THE NATIONAL CHURCH:

Appointed President of the National Usher Board in 1958.
Appointed First Assistant to the late General Supervisor, Dr. Mattie McGlothen in 1976.
Member of the Trustee Board - General Church of God in Christ.
Chairperson of the Advisory Board - Womens' Department.
Co-Chairperson of the Executive Board - Womens' Department.

The Installation Dinner Celebration of Mother Emma Frances Crouch as International Supervisor of the Department of Women of Church of God in Christ, Inc., was August 29, 1994 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel, Dallas, Texas, the greatest honor bestowed upon her. She was also honored to have President Clinton as speaker at the Womens' Convention held in May, '96 in New Orleans, Louisiana.

Preceded in death by her parents, brothers: Herbert L. Mitchell, Ollie Peters, Willie B. Searcy, and Allen Searcy; sisters: Grace Ross, Cleana Searcy and Lillie White.

SURVIVORS: brother, Cary Searcy of Dallas, Texas; nephews: Herbert L. Mitchell and wife, Robbie A. of Daingerfield, Texas, William M. Mitchell, M.D., of Longview, Texas, Winston Ross, Gerald Ross of Oakland, California, Curtis Howard of Seattle, Washington, and Willie B. Searcy of Mesquite, Texas; Willie B. Searcy's son, the renowned singer, Andrea Crouch of California (and nephew of her late husband); nieces: Sandra Crouch, niece of late husband, Sandra McFall, Merria Kramer of Oakland, California, Lexis M. Searcy, Lane Searcy, Loris E. Searcy Blue, Lexor Searcy Green and Leatris Searcy Chambliss, Seattle, Washington; great nieces: Krishan Kramer, LaTosha Ross, Keinesha Mack, Letrell McPharr, Tyrone McPharr, Grace E. Ross, Kimberly A. Ross, Kelelia Ross, and Kalia Ross, Oakland, California; great nephews, Tyrone McFall, Ira Ross, Ron A. Ross, Oakland, California, Roderick L. Mitchell, M.D., and wife, Barbara of Daingerfield-Longview, Texas; sister-in-law, Nora Mae Searcy of Seattle, Washington; other relatives and friends.

*Mother Emma Frances Searcy Crouch*
with her pastor and wife
The Bishop and Mother J. Neaul Haynes

*To God Be The Glory*

*We shall ever remember this great Servant of God for the Noble Work she did.*
*"Oh woman, great was thy faith, and greater yet thy Works."*

1994 Installation Dinner
Mother Crouch with the Late Presiding Bishop L. H. Ford
and Presiding Bishop Chandler D. Owens

INSTALLATION DINNER
Mother Crouch with Pastor,
The Bishop J. Neaul Haynes

ACCEPTANCE SPEECH
Installation Dinner

Mother Crouch
with Bishop O. T. Jones, Jr.
Philadelphia, PA

*Mother Crouch, in your short term as General Supervisor you have left footprints on the sands of time.*

**PERSONAL QUOTATIONS OF**
**MOTHER EMMA FRANCES SEARCY CROUCH**

# *"Do The Book"*

**"The Lord Left Me Here To Do Right and To Work Righteousness"**

***"Keep Your Face To The Sun***
***And You Will Never See***
***The Shadow"***

**'The Way I Think**
**The Way I Talk**
**Will Determine**
**The Way I Walk"**

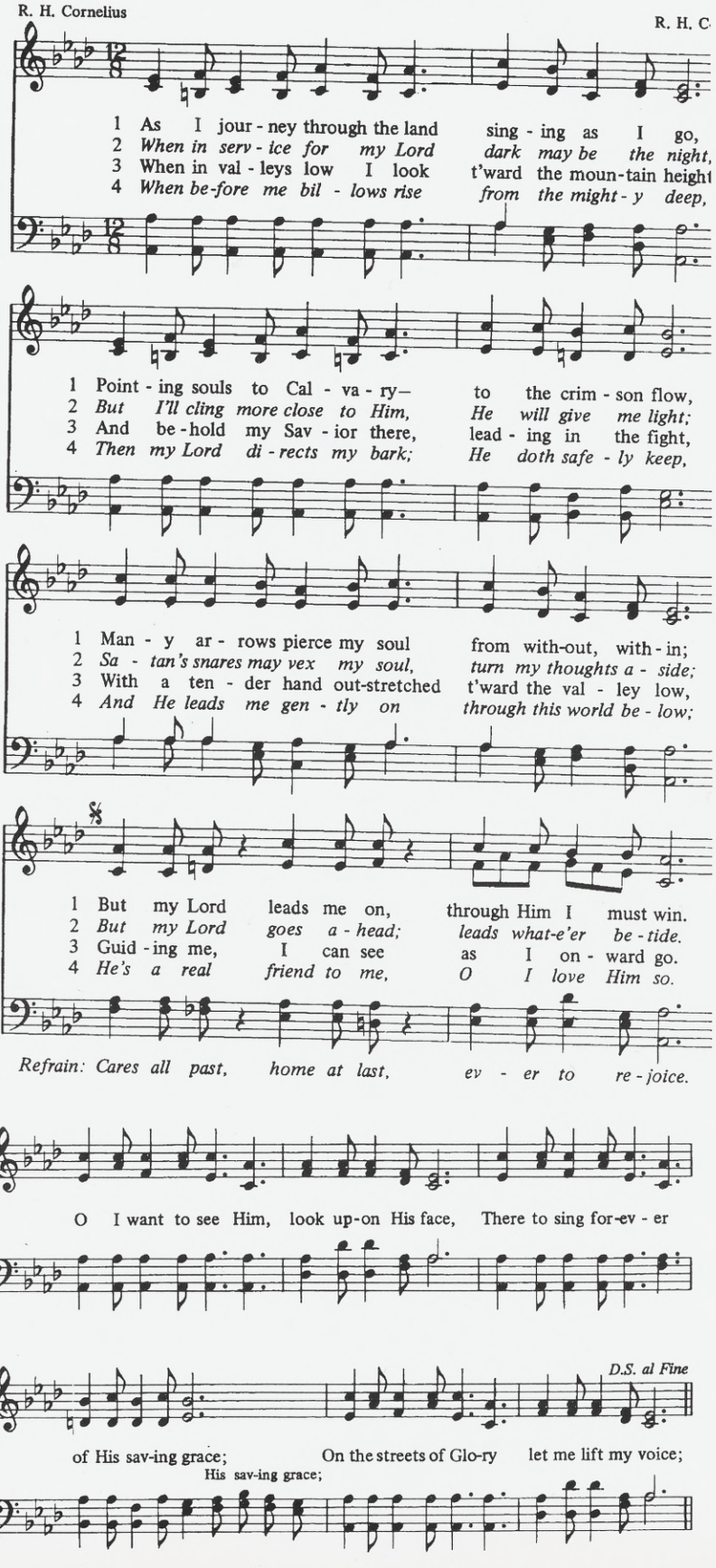
## THE ACKNOWLEDGMENT

The family of the late Mother Emma Frances Searcy Crouch wishes to acknowledge with sincere gratitude the numerous expressions of concern, love and sympathy. We have sustained a great loss and your support has helped us immensely. We pray God's blessings on you always.

# O I Want to See Him

*I will behold thy face in righteousness.*
Psalm 17:15

R. H. Cornelius


R. H. C
1 As I jour - ney through the land sing - ing as I go,
2 When in serv - ice for my Lord dark may be the night,
3 When in val - leys low I look t'ward the moun-tain height
4 When be-fore me bil - lows rise from the might - y deep,
1 Point - ing souls to Cal - va - ry— to the crim - son flow,
2 But I'll cling more close to Him, He will give me light;
3 And be - hold my Sav - ior there, lead - ing in the fight,
4 Then my Lord di - rects my bark; He doth safe - ly keep,
1 Man - y ar - rows pierce my soul from with-out, with - in;
2 Sa - tan's snares may vex my soul, turn my thoughts a - side;
3 With a ten - der hand out-stretched t'ward the val - ley low,
4 And He leads me gen - tly on through this world be - low;
1 But my Lord leads me on, through Him I must win.
2 But my Lord goes a - head; leads what-e'er be - tide.
3 Guid - ing me, I can see as I on - ward go.
4 He's a real friend to me, O I love Him so.
Refrain: Cares all past, home at last, ev - er to re - joice.
O I want to see Him, look up-on His face, There to sing for-ev - er
D.S. al Fine
of His sav-ing grace; On the streets of Glo-ry let me lift my voice;
His sav-ing grace;

## "SPECIAL EXPRESSION OF APPRECIATION"

The family of MOTHER EMMA FRANCES SEARCY CROUCH appreciates THE CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST, INC., CHURCH FAMILY; BISHOP J. NEAUL HAYNES, her pastor; MEMBERS OF SAINTSVILLE, BISHOP T. D. IGLEHART and THE SOUTH WEST JURISDICTION CHURCH FAMILY; BISHOPS, MOTHERS, children, friends, MOTHER WILLIE MAE RIVERS, First Assistant, MOTHER IRENE OAKLEY, Executive Secretary, and all who sacrificed so much of their time to be with her at the hospital.

During her advanced years, she chose Ms. Bernice Abram to be her house manager, caregiver and chauffeur; Mother Annie M. Cooper, her traveling companion and nurse. Her selection was a blessing to her and the family. "They have served her well with love and integrity." Both have been a rock to her and the family.

— Roderick L. Mitchell, M.D.,
Great Nephew

## HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Jurisdictional Supervisors

## ACTIVE PALLBEARERS

Superintendents, Pastors, and Elders
Texas Southwest Jurisdiction

## FLOWER BEARERS

National Adjutant Sisters
National Auxiliary and Unit Presidents

## INTERMENT

LINCOLN MEMORIAL CEMETERY
Dallas, Texas

WILL THOSE DRIVING IN THE PROCESSION
PLEASE TURN ON HEADLIGHTS FOR SAFETY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